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In re application of

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph bridging page 5 and page 6 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

In Fig. 1, reference numeral 10 denotes a preset attenuation value recording unit for recording a preset attenuation value described later, 11 a loss recording unit; and 12 a fade volume computing unit for computing a signal amplifying factor (described later) on the basis of the preset value recorded on the preset attenuation value recording unit 10, an attenuated amount recorded on the loss recording unit 11 and a movement ("fade") of a balancing point from the center to the front or rear side inputted from the fade input unit. Reference numeral 13 denotes

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